

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rabbani et al.

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For: **MULTIMERIC COMPLEX COMPOSITIONS AND DELIVERY
PROCESSES USING SAME**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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The references listed below, in Form PTO SB08a (in accordance with the requirements of MPEP 609) and submitted herewith are copies of Office Actions issued on the merits in related applications. The above-referenced application is a division of application serial no. 08/574,443. Applicants note that application serial nos. 08/978,633, 08/978,636, 08/978,635, 08/978,637, 08/978,638 and 08/978,639 are also divisional applications of application serial no. 08/574,443. Related application serial no. 08/978,632 is a continuation of application serial no. 08/574,443. Application serial nos 08/978,635 and 08/978,639 have been abandoned. Applicants note that additional applications have been filed: application. ser. no. 11/929,897, a continuation of

application ser. no. 08/978,632, application. ser. no. 11/925,929, a continuation of 08/978,636, application. ser. no. 11/929,055, a continuation of 08/978,637 and application. ser. no. 11/927,676, a continuation of 08/978,638; no Office Actions have issued in any of these applications.

Prosecution in related applications

Pat. App. No. 08978632 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-C) Non-Final Rejection 2008-01-08
Pat. App. No. 08978633 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-D1) Final Rejection 2008-02-25
Pat. App. No. 08978637 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-D5) Final Rejection 2008-04-16
Pat. App. No. 08978636 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-D3) Final Rejection 2008-09-15
Pat. App. No. 08978633 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-D1) Non-Final Rejection 2008-09-25
Pat. App. No. 08978638 (Attny. Dkt. No.ENZ-53-D6) Non-Final Rejection 2008-11-18

The additional foreign patent documents and non-patent literature listed below and in Form PTO SB08a (in accordance with the requirements of MPEP 609) have not been made of record previously in the instant case; they are submitted herewith.

Foreign Patent Documents

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Other non-patent references

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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed

☐ together with an RCE

☒ after submitting the RCE but before any subsequent Office Action

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Respectfully submitted,

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